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PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUTUMN MEETING OF THE
ACADEMY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE HELD IN
NEW YORK, OCTOBER 25 AND 26, 1912

THE autumn meeting of the Academy of Political Science held in New York on October 25 and 26, 1912, dealt with Efficient Government. Three sessions were held at Earl Hall, Columbia University. The program was as follows:

FIRST SESSION

Friday afternoon, October 25

Topic

THE SELECTION AND REMOVAL OF JUDGES

Introductory address

Harlan F. Stone

The Elective and Appointive Methods of Selection of Judges

Learned Hand

The Recall of Judges

Gilbert E. Roe

J. Hampden Dougherty

Discussion by Richard S. Childs, Everett P. Wheeler, Charles H. Hartshorne and Edward D. Page

THIRD SESSION

Saturday morning, October 26

Topic

THE ADAPTATION OF WRITTEN CONSTITUTIONS TO CHANGING SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Introductory address

Munroe Smith

Judicial Interpretation of Constitutional Provisions

Frank J. Goodnow

The Amendment of the Federal Constitution

J. David Thompson

The Reorganization of State Government

Henry Jones Ford

The Recall of Judicial Decisions

William Draper Lewis

Clarence D. Ashley

Discussion by Henry R. Seager

FOURTH SESSION

Saturday afternoon, October 26

Topic

LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Initiative and Referendum

Paul S. Reinsch

The Federal Budget

Frederick A. Cleveland

Efficient Organization of the Personnel in Administration

W. F. Willoughby

Legislative Drafting

Thomas I. Parkinson

Harlan F. Stone, Dean of the Law School of Columbia University, presided at the first session, and Munroe Smith, Professor of Roman law and comparative jurisprudence in Columbia University, presided at the third and fourth sessions.

CONFERENCE DINNER

The second session was the regular conference dinner held at the Hotel Astor on Friday evening, October 25, President Samuel McCune Lindsay presiding.

The general topic for discussion was "The Direct Primary versus the Convention Method of Choosing Candidates for Public Office."

Addresses were made by Albert Bushnell Hart, Professor of

Government in Harvard University and by the Hon. Edgar T. Brackett, of the New York state senate.

Statements on direct primaries by the three leading candidates for governor of New York, Messrs. Hedges, Straus and Sulzer, were read. Mr. Hedges was represented by Mr. John A. Stewart, State Chairman of the Republican Party; Mr. Straus by Mr. William H. Hotchkiss, State Chairman of the National Progressive Party; and Mr. Sulzer by Col. Alexander S. Bacon.

The papers read at the sessions, the discussions, and the addresses and statements at the dinner are printed elsewhere in this volume.

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